

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner

DATE:

February 4, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Kerry Ingredients & Flavours -Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED** 

**ACTION:** 

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone,

fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the neighboring State of ILLINOIS, and <u>not</u> distributed in Indiana. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## Kerry Ingredients & Flavours Announces Voluntary Recall of Choco Fudge Peanut Ingredient Following Expanded FDA Investigation of Peanut Corporation of America

## Contact:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --BELOIT, WI (February 2, 2009) – Kerry Ingredients & Flavours is voluntarily recalling a chocolate-covered peanut ingredient used in the manufacture of ice cream because the ingredient contains split peanuts pieces sold by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), the current focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation by the United States Food & Drug Administration (FDA). On January 28, the FDA expanded its investigation of PCA to include all peanuts processed by PCA at its plant in Blakely, GA, since January 1, 2007, including dry and oil-roasted peanuts, granulated peanuts and peanut meal, in addition to peanut butter and peanut paste, which were the initial focus of the investigation.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Kerry is working closely with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in the recall of the following item which has been distributed to manufacturers and distributors based in Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin:



## 3-3955.424 MEDIUM CHOCO FUDGE PEANUTS

LOT NUMBER EXPIRATION	DATE
0208741301	8/8/2008
0322741301	9/22/2008
0330741301	9/30/2008
0424741301	10/24/2008
0607741301	12/7/2008
0626741301	12/26/2008
0907741301	3/7/2009
1113737801	5/13/2009
0207873802	8/20/2009
0513873801	11/13/2009
0627873804	12/27/2009
0905873802	3/5/2010
1103873801	5/3/2010
0106973802	6/6/2010

Any customer that is in possession of this product should provide lot number and quantity information to Scott Langston, Director of Quality Assurance and Technical Services at (608) 363-1357 and then destroy the product. The company has not received any consumer illness complaints about these products; however we are taking this precautionary step to safeguard our customers and consumers. Questions regarding this recall should be directed to Scott Langston.

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